



**The Triplets' Secret (A Jennifer Sturgis Mystery) by Glenn Sartori**

**Book Excerpt:**

“Hey, Jenny, you finally come to see your old Cousin Rick?”

Jennifer gave Rick a smirk, glanced around at the customers at the bar briefly, and with no expression at all, returned her attention to Rick.

Rick opened a bottle of Michelob Ultra and put it down in front her. He knew she never used a glass. He wore his hair in a ponytail, now graying, but his eyes still sparkled even without the mascara.

She took a pull of her beer. “I need your opinion.”

“I got opinions...’ Rick spread his hands on the bar, as if he was flattening a big map. “...you should know that.” He waved to a couple who entered the bar, and told them to have a seat and that someone would be with them in a minute.

“The fiftieth anniversary of the disappearance of Crystal Scott is coming up, and I’m doing some research on that and the three women...labeled as the Riverfield Triplets, who seemed to be involved. And no one was ever charged.”

“Why research? Just interested or are you going to write a book?”

“Maybe a book. Anyway, what’s your take on all of that?” Her tone was less than positive, wondering if it was a good idea to involve Rick. It may end up just as bad as barging into the triplets’ life at their farm. “The investigation went nowhere.”

She took long swallow of beer, knowing that philosophy would be mixed in with his opinion. That was Rick.

“Well... obviously I wasn’t here when it happened, but I understand it got plenty of local play. The Reader had a big spread on the twenty-fifth anniversary. Nothing national like Elizabeth Smart, Polly Klass and Natalee Holloway. It’s difficult to understand why one missing person case catches the nation’s heart and soul while

thousands more hardly get thirty seconds of airtime and only a bit of ink. Crystal's case could have been one of those that should have gotten constant play on the national news—husband didn't really care about her disappearance, body was never discovered, no one was ever arrested, and then there were the mysterious triplets."

"Why do you think the story didn't get airtime?"

"Hang on." Rick nodded to a customer about five stools down and sidled down the bar.

Jennifer sipped her beer. She should come here more often. There was no reason not to.

Rick wiped non-existence dirt from the bar. "It was money."

"I thought that, but... whose money?"

"The Cooper family... They wanted the investigation shutdown because Crystal was a relative, though distant... but still a relative." Rick waved to another couple. "The Coopers didn't care if the case was ever solved—nothing should tarnish their name."

"Crystal's a Cooper?" Nothing in the paper she had read indicated that. Not even in the twenty-fifth anniversary issue. Strange. "How do you know that?"

"I'm a bartender..." Rick spread his arms. "...and people share their life stories with bartenders... take yourself, Jenny."

Jennifer huffed and took a long pull of beer.

"One more thing... kidnapping. She—."

"What! There was no ransom note. Kidnapping usually involves..." She stopped, when she realized she was talking over Rick.

"You interrupted before I even told you anything. How did you ever make it as a reporter?"

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**Book Description For The Triplets' Secret (A Jennifer Sturgis Mystery) by Glenn Sartori:** Retired journalist Jennifer Sturgis never imagined one cold case would change the course of her life. That case—the mysterious disappearance of Crystal Scott—has been unsolved for fifty years.

The main persons of interest were the "Triplets," three women never charged, but branded guilty by an entire town. Now in their eighties, the triplets, fascinated by Jennifer's blustery entrance into their calm life, allow her an interview—with one bizarre condition.

Jennifer accepts. Soon she is mesmerized by the old women's tale. Disturbed by possible connections to her family, she finds herself facing a vengeful gunman. But no matter the risks, she is determined to publish their story.

The Triplets' Secret is a story of obsession, reinvention, and shocking revelations that compel Jennifer to question everything—even her own identity.

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**Book Review by Fran Bradley**

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Loved this book and it kept me guessing and agreeing with Jennifer and her feelings.

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Glenn worked in electronic design and engineering management at McDonnell-Douglas/Boeing, and traveled to many countries, his favorite was Japan. He retired in 2002, which is the same year Rosanne retired from teaching in the St. Charles School District.

In late 2002, Glenn started his second career as an author of text books. Along with his college friend, they have co-authored four engineering text books for Pearson Education Publishing Company. Glenn successfully transitioned to writing mystery novels and most recently published the first book of his memoir trilogy.

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